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BRUSSELS FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES

(CERDS): UNGA PLENARY CONSIDERATION - ATMOSPHERICS

1. STAGE SETTINGS IN GA PLENARY DESIGNED TO SHOW MEXICANS' ACHIEVEMENT ON CERDS INITIATIVE. ENTIRE MEXICAN DEL, HEADED BY FM RABASA, SPILLED OVER INTO SEATS OF MAURITIUS AND PANAMA. ALL DELEGATIONS PRESENT EXPET MALDIVES AND SUSPENDED SOUTH AFRICA. SECRETARIAT SOURCES INDICATE DIRECT TV LINE TO MEXICO CITY (AT COST OF VER \$10,000) PROVIDED GAVEL-TO-GAVEL COVERAGE ON LIVE MEXICAN TV.

2. TONE OF EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE, WITH EXCEPTION OF ARGENTINE, ALMOST TOTALLY DIRECTED AT VARIOUS PROVISIONS WHICH VARIOUS COUNTRIES COULD NOT ACCEPT. NOTABLE IN THIS REGARD WERE EXTREMELY LONG, DETAILED, CONFIDENTIAL

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ARGUMENTATIVE STATEMENTS BY BRAZIL AND CANADA WHICH

WERE DEEPLY RESENTED BY MEXICANS. MEXICANS WERE PREVIOUSLY INFORMED BY AMB FERGUSON THAT US WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT MAKE EXPLANATION OF VOTE UNLESS UNDULY ATTACKED IN OTHER INTERVENTIONS, IN WHICH CASE US WOULD EXERCISE RIGHT OF REPLY TO OTHER INTERVENERS. US NOT ATTACKED BY NAME IN INTERVENTIONS BY CHINA (ALLEGING SUPER POWER PLUNDERING, EXPLOITATION, ETC.; USSR ATTACHED NAMELY AS "CYNICAL SUPERPOWER MASQUERADING AS FRIEND, WHILE IT COULD BE SAID THAT OTHER SUPER-POWER IS AT LEAST HONEST"), AND ALBANIA (TRUMPETING CHARTER AS VICTORY FOR THIRD WORLD AND NEW MAJORITY).

3. MACHINATIONS OF "NEW MAJORITY" REVEALED WHEN FIJI TOOK FLOOR TO DENOUNCE FACT THAT ITS NAME HAD BEEN SHOWN AS CO-SPONSOR WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH FIJI AND DEMANDED THAT NAME BE WITHDRAWN. NEPAL ALSO ANNOUNCED WITHDRAWAL OF CO-SPONSORSHIP. CANADIANS AND EC-9 ADEQUATELY EXPRESSED WESTERN OBJECTIONS. MAJOR CONTENTIOUS ISSUE TURNED OUT TO BE ARTICLE 3 TO WHICH LATINS VIOLENTLY OBJECTED.

4. CONTACTS BETWEEN US DEL (AMB FERGUSON) AND MEXICAN DELS(AMBS GARCIA ROBLES AND GOZALEZ GALVEZ) WERE UNIFORMLY CORDIAL, WITH MEXICANS EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR US PROFILE DURING SESSION. GONZALEZ GALVEZ DIRECTED AMB FERGUSON'S ATTENTION TO PASSAGE IN RABASA'S SPEECH INDICATING MEXICO'S SORROW AND REGRET THAT SOME NEGATIVE VOTES PRODUCED BECAUSE DECISION MAKERS LISTENDED ONLY TO ONE SEGMENT OF DOMESTIC CONSTITUENCY. GALVEZ EXPLAINED PASSAGE AIMED AT US AND DOMESTIC CONSTITUENCIES WERE US MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS. WITH SOME IRONY, HE INQUIRED IF TWO ARTICLES IN NEW YORKER MAGAZINE ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS HAD BEEN READ BY US DEL.

5. US DEL OF OPINION THAT MEXICANS CALLED FOR ROLL CALL VOTE FOR TWO REASONS: (A) ROLL CALL VOTE IS MORE "DRAMATIC", PARTICULARLY AS IT APPEARS ON TELEVISION AND AS IT REQUIRES EACH DELEGATION IN CONFIDENTIAL

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TURN TO CALL OUT ITS VOTE, AND (B) ROLL CALL VOTE ALWAYS HAS TENDENCY OF SHAKING OUT WAVERERS WHO MIGHT OTHERWISE RUN TO ABSTENTIONS.

6. RABA'S VICTORY SPEECH VERY MODERATE IN TONE AND ELEGANT IN LANGUAGE. IN ANALYZING NEGATIVE VOTES HIS THEME WAS THAT OF DISAPPOINTMENT, MORE IN SORROW THAN IN ANGER. HE POINTED OUT THAT TWO OTHER MAJOR

DECLARATIONS OF UN HAD BEEN ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, I.E.,
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